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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, AND OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Implementation of the Convention

Austria*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Reaffirming articles 12, 14 and 19 of the Convention,

Reaffirming also articles 8 and 9 of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa,

Aware of the fundamental role of local and national action in the implementation of the Convention,

Recognizing the importance of active participative processes involving local communities and non-governmental organizations, taking into account, *inter alia*, the needs and requirements of women farmers, and the integration of these approaches in the formulation of national policies and strategies for sustainable development,

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* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

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Emphasizing the importance of the fullest possible, timely coordination among developed country Parties, developing country Parties and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in processes, such as national consultative forums, for the preparation of national action programmes,

Noting the important facilitating role of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and other mechanisms such as round tables and consultative groups for the coordination of development cooperation dialogues,

1. Urges Parties adequately to reflect the importance of prioritizing programmes and projects relating to national action programmes in ongoing, periodic, bilateral and multilateral development cooperation dialogues;

2. Calls upon Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to duly take account of the above procedures and processes in their implementation of the Convention and to reflect them adequately in the information conveyed to the Conference of the Parties in their reports on national action programmes.